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Sectional Outline of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act

Chapter No. 500
Montana Session Laws 1973
Senate Bill No. 208

Section 1. Short Title--"Montana Subdivision and Platting Act."

Section 2. Purposes of Act.

Section 3. Definitions.

Section 4. All divisions of land made after June 30, 1973, which segregate a new parcel from an existing one must be surveyed by a registered land surveyor, and a certificate of survey thereof must be filed with the county clerk and recorder. Every "subdivision" must be surveyed and platted and filed in accordance with the act.

Section 5. Every city and county in the state must adopt subdivision regulations before July 1, 1974.

The Department of Intergovernmental Relations must adopt minimum standards for local subdivision regulations by December 31, 1973.

Local subdivision regulations must require the submission by the subdivider of an environmental assessment of the natural features of the land to be subdivided. This assessment must also contain a community impact report stating the anticipated needs of the proposed subdivision for local services.

Interested state and local governmental agencies will have the opportunity to review and comment on plats of proposed subdivision.

Local subdivision regulations must include provisions for summary review and approval of certain small subdivisions.

If any city or county has failed to adopt subdivision regulations by July 1, 1974, the Department of Intergovernmental Relations is required to adopt regulations to be enforced by these cities or counties.

Section 6. Park dedication requirements--cash donation in lieu of land dedication.

Section 7. Proof of ownership or title insurance required where land is to be dedicated to public use.

Section 8. Preliminary subdivision plats must be submitted for review and approval by city or county governing bodies which must approve, conditionally approve, or reject the plat within sixty days.